

*In the Claims*

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1       1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid  
2       chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local  
3       enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to  
4       select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps  
5       of:

6       establishing a communication link with an external  
7       enterprise catalog computer system to build an  
8       appropriate chart of accounts in an electronic storage  
9       device for a given company;

10     transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer  
11     system a chart of accounts with descriptions to a  
12     requisition catalog computer system database in a local  
13     enterprise specified format;

14     administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
15     computer system database valid accounts with  
16     descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period  
17     for said given company, said description mapping  
18     account codes selected by said administrator to a given

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19 commodity code from an associated accounting computer  
20 system for use by a requester to select the correct  
21 general ledger account when doing financial validation  
22 on a requisition for said commodities; [[and]]

23 administrator then associating a selected  
24 account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
25 for use in a requisition creation process; and

26 upon said requester selecting a commodity from a  
27 commodity description document presenting said  
28 commodity codes and initiating a proceed to accounting  
29 process, presenting to said requisitioner a financial  
30 worksheet with valid general ledger accounts numbers  
31 and descriptions for selection by said requisitioner.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising

2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document  
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6 description, key words, approvers, financial  
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable  
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
11 process, which displays line items which may be  
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with  
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by  
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
18 said requisitioner.

4-14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Currently amended] A computer program product or

2 computer program element for creating a valid chart of  
3 accounts from which an administrator of a local enterprise  
4 can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid  
5 general ledger account executing the steps, said computer  
6 program product comprising:

7 a computer readable medium;

8 first program instructions to establish establishing a  
9 communication link with an external enterprise catalog  
10 computer system to build an appropriate chart of  
11 accounts for a given company;

12 second program instructions to transmit transmitting  
13 from said enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts  
14 with descriptions to a requisition catalog computer  
15 system database;

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17 third program instructions to enable an administrator  
18 selecting to select from said requisition catalog  
19 computer system database valid accounts with  
20 descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period,  
21 said description mapping account codes selected by said  
22 administrator to a given commodity code from an

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23                   associated accounting computer system for use by a  
24                   requester at a computer terminal to select the select a  
25                   correct general ledger account when doing financial  
26                   validation on a requisition for said commodities;  
27                   [[and]]

28                   fourth program instructions to enable said  
29                   administrator to then associating associate a selected  
30                   account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
31                   for use in a requisition creation process; and

32                   fifth program instructions, responsive to upon said  
33                   said requester selecting a commodity from a commodity  
34                   description document, to present presenting said  
35                   commodity codes, and initiating initiate a proceed to  
36                   accounting process, presenting and to present to said  
37                   requisitioner a financial worksheet with valid general  
38                   ledger accounts numbers and descriptions for selection  
39                   by said requisitioner; and wherein

40                   said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program  
41                   instructions are recorded on said medium.

1                   16. [Canceled]

2       17. [Currently amended] The ~~program storage device~~  
3       ~~computer program product~~ of claim 15, ~~said method steps~~  
4       further comprising:

5       sixth program instructions to enable said administrator  
6       creating to create a company commodity document  
7       including for each commodity code under each company, a  
8       commodity category code, a short description, a long  
9       description, key words, approvers, financial  
10      information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
11      preferred supplier, ~~and~~ special handling codes all  
12      usable for enabling customer selection of a correct  
13      commodity;

14      seventh program instructions responsive to said  
15      requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
16      process, ~~which displays to display at a computer~~  
17      terminal line items which may be selected by said  
18      requisitioner; and

19      eighth program instructions to display at said computer  
20      terminal displaying an agent created financial  
21      worksheet with fields which need to be selected or  
22      populated by requisitioner derived from said company

23 commodity document, based on purchase type, thereby  
24 presenting valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
25 descriptions to said requisitioner at said computer  
26 terminal; and wherein

27 said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions  
28 are recorded on said medium.

1 18. [Currently amended] The computer program product or  
2 computer program element of claim 15, said steps further  
3 comprising:

4 sixth program instructions responsive to said  
5 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
6 catalogs in commodity description documents and  
7 responsive thereto, creating to create one or more line  
8 items; and wherein

9 said sixth program instructions are recorded on said  
10 medium.

1 19. [Currently amended] The computer program product or  
2 computer program element of claim 18, said steps further  
3 comprising:

4           seventh program instructions for enabling said  
5           administrator creating to create a company commodity  
6           document including for each commodity code under each  
7           company, a commodity category code, a short  
8           description, a long description, key words, approvers,  
9           financial information, route-to buyer by plant  
10           association, preferred supplier, and special handling  
11           codes all usable for enabling customer selection of a  
12           correct commodity;

13           eighth program instructions responsive to said  
14           requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
15           process, ~~which displays to display~~ line items which may  
16           be selected by said requisitioner; and

17           ninth program instructions displaying to display at  
18           said computer terminal an agent created financial  
19           worksheet with fields which need to be selected or  
20           populated by said requisitioner derived from company  
21           commodity document, based on purchase type, thereby  
22           presenting valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
23           descriptions to said requisitioner; and wherein

24           said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions

25                   are recorded on said medium.

1       20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further  
2       comprising the steps of:

3                   displaying to said administrator an accounting computer  
4                   system generated chart of accounts, said chart  
5                   including for each account an account identifier and  
6                   commodity description;

7                   responsive to administrator selection, associating a  
8                   selected commodity description and account identifier  
9                   with a company commodity group document together with  
10                  information enabling said requisitioner to select a  
11                  correct commodity.

1       21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said  
2       information including commodity description, approvers,  
3       general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred  
4       supplier.

1       22-23.        [Canceled]

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